

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

January 20, 1999
MAG Office Building, Ocotillo Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Steve Hogan, Scottsdale, Chairman
Jim Book, Glendale
Brian Latte, Chandler
Gary Thomas, Gilbert
Pierre Pretorius, Maricopa County
Alan Sanderson, Mesa
Mike Frisbie for Jim Matteson, Phoenix
Scott Miller, RPTA

Ellis Perl, Surprise
Ed VanDerGinst, Tempe
Tim Wolfe, ADOT
Jessie Yung, FHWA
David Cowley, AAA Arizona
Richard Traill, Phoenix Aviation

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Parish, Surprise
David Wolfson, Maricopa County
Vince Pearce, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc.
Sarath Joshua, MAG
Paul Ward, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Steve Hogan.

2. Approval of the December 16, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Call to Audience

Chairman Hogan made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the ITS Committee. None in the audience spoke.

4. AZTech Project Update

Pierre Pretorius provided an update on the AZTech project. He indicated that negotiations on the terms and conditions with private sector partners are near completion. Mr. Pretorius also announced that the statewide AZTech organizational study by a consultant has begun and the consultant team was in town to conduct interviews. The Project Manager, Mr. Vince Pearce who was in the audience was introduced to the committee. Mr. Pearce was provided with an opportunity to give a brief overview of the study process and progress so far.

5. Review and Ranking of New ITS Projects

Paul Ward provided a brief overview of funding availability in each of the five program years and the current fiscal year. Sarath Joshua distributed a summary of the guidelines developed by the regional council and briefly discussed them, pointing out that many of the guidelines were incorporated in the ITS rating system. He distributed three lists of ITS projects that have been scored based on the ITS Rating System and requested committee members to rank projects in each category for the last component of the scoring system. Alan Sanderson clarified by pointing out that the intent of the rating system was to have the committee score each project using a maximum of 15 points. The committee agreed to score the projects. There was much discussion regarding the discrepancy in scores between areawide, route specific and transit projects. Sarath Joshua pointed out that he had to use default scores for areawide projects due to lack of data for scoring projects. As a result, the scores are biased in favor of areawide projects. He indicated that if each category of projects are scored separately then this bias should not have any influence. He indicated that the three ITS project lists would be submitted to TRC.

6. Regional ITS Strategic Plan Update

Members requested MAG staff to proceed ahead for an RFP based on the current scope of work for this project.

7. Coordinated Traffic Control Strategy at the Fiesta Bowl Event

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

8. Status Reports by Committee Members on ITS Activities

Jesse Yung reported that the ITS Architecture course to be held in Tucson had openings.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was confirmed as February 17, 1998.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.